

## Office of Sponsored Programs Bulletin May 2009

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### 1. **A Reminder about Proposal Routing During the Summer Months**

As always, it is important for you to let your Sponsored Programs Manager know that you are working on a proposal and to get it in for processing well ahead of the deadline for submittal. It is especially important in the summer months as some of the proposal signers may change or reduce the hours they are on campus. Please keep in mind that routing a proposal for review and signature may take longer during the summer than during the regular school year.

### 2. **Fifteen Thousand Contend for NIH ARRA Challenge Grants**

More than 15,000 applications were submitted under the National Institutes of Health (NIH) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Challenge Grants competition. According to NIH, that number "nearly matches the total number of applications NIH receives in a regular Council round." Between 10,000 and 15,000 reviewers will be needed to evaluate the applications. Between the NIH Office of the Director and NIH institutes and centers, more than 400 awards are expected. Summary statements and scores will be available by August, and awards will be issued by September 30, 2009.

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Related news: [The Odds of Winning NIH Stimulus Money](#)

### 3. **CFDA Takes Transparency Tack**

The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) and related tools are available on a newly designed website. Users can search more than 1,800 federal programs on a web interface that will feel familiar to frequent FedBizOpps.gov visitors. The CFDA site gives information not uniformly available through Grants.gov notices or agency program pages, including authorizing legislation, restrictions, application and award processes, and "program accomplishments," a category that includes the number of proposals submitted and awards made under recent competitions.

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#### **4. Brief Advises IHEs to Coordinate Workforce Development Efforts**

The Institute for Higher Education Policy has released an issue brief exploring universities' role in workforce development worldwide. A study of the approaches taken by Brazil, Mongolia, Ukraine, and the U.S. led to three recommendations: "First, colleges and universities, in collaboration with business and government, should examine whether academic programs develop the academic, applied, and 'soft' skills needed by employers. Similarly, institutions of higher education need to ensure that students demonstrate proficiency in basic academic skills needed by employers such as writing, reading, mathematics, and critical thinking. Finally, institutions should establish internship opportunities for students to acquire 'real life' work experience in their chosen field." View more conclusions from the study [online](#).

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#### **5. President Supports Clean Energy Education Opportunities**

At a National Academy of Sciences meeting in April, President Obama announced a collaboration between National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. Department of Energy that will encourage young students to pursue careers in science, engineering, and entrepreneurship related to clean energy. As part of its mission to educate students in energy science, inform the public about energy choices, and enhance science and technology instruction, NSF offers several programs:

*Individual Fellowships to Graduate Students involved in Clean Energy Research*

*Integrative Graduate Training Programs involving Clean Energy*

*Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) in Energy*

*Technician Education*

*Focused Research in K-12 Science Education Strategies and Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers*

*Public Awareness and Action*

*Graduate Post Doctorate Education*

*Specialized Energy Center*

*Education in Complex Interrelationships*

For more information, please see: [NSF Fact Sheet April 27, 2009](#).

#### **6. Fellowships**

SJSURF receives notification of fellowship opportunities for faculty and students. This month's highlights include:

Program: Fellowship Programs

Agency: Grant (William T.) Foundation

Next Deadline: Jul 08, 2009

<http://tinyurl.com/6e8v52>

Program: Visiting Scientists Fellowship Program

Agency: Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics (JILA)

Next Deadline: Jul 31, 2009

<http://jilawww.colorado.edu/employ/vf.html>

Program: General Research Grants & Baldwin Fellowships

Agency: Leakey (L.S.B.) Foundation

Next Deadline: Jul 15, 2009

<http://tinyurl.com/dm4a8x>

Program: Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Research

Next Deadline: Aug 20, 2009

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fpiri.html>

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